THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (அ) The total extent acquired for the Kamaraja Sagar so far is as follows :—

| | Wet acres. | Dry acres. |
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| (a) Paraipatti village .. .. .. .. | .. | 180·33 |
| (b) Narasingapuram .. .. .. .. | 5·58 | 203·44 |
| (c) Pallapatti .. .. .. .. .. .. | .. | 0·51 |

(இ) A sum of Rs. 11,331·62 only has so far been paid as compensation.

(உ) The rate of compensation paid is at Rs. 1,300 to 2,000 per acre for wet lands and at Rs. 6·25 to 200 per acre for dry lands according to the fertility and nature of the land concerned.

(எ) Does not arise.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Question Nos. 1432 and 1439 have been postponed.

*Emoluments of Staff Nurses*

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As the hon. Member who gave notice of question No. 1433 is not in his seat, the question and answer will be printed in the Proceedings.

* 1433 Q.—SRI A. R. MARIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state by how much the emoluments drawn by the Staff Nurses in municipal hospitals are less than those of the Staff Nurses employed in Government Hospitals?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) The scale of pay of the Nurses working in Government Medical Institutions is Rs. 140—5—220 and in institutions under Local Bodies is Rs. 90—4—110—3—140.

(b) The finances of most of the local bodies are not sound enough to pay a higher scale of pay to nurses working in their institutions.

*Drinking water-supply (Madras City)*

* 1434 Q.—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN (on behalf of SRI N. K. PALANISAMI) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Corporation of Madras has approached the Government for any grant or loan to improve the City water-supply and to remove the bad smell in the water that is now supplied?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The Corporation has applied for a loan for its water-supply schemes for which provision exists in the Budget Estimate for 1961–62. The remarks of the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (General), are awaited.

No application for grant has been received so far.

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*Moniam Tax*

* 1435 Q.—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision not to abolish the Moniam Tax;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the long delay in implementing the Damodaran Aasan Committee Report?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (a) of his question No. 664 answered on the floor of the Assembly on 8th March 1961. The question of abolition of Maniamkaram is still under the consideration of the Government.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI: Sir, it is more than six years since we have come over here to the Madras State. The whole matter had been thoroughly discussed and an exhaustive report has also been submitted to the Government and in fact, a Bill has also been drafted in the other State. Under these circumstances, may I know the reason for such a long delay in regard to this matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: The reason is this. The question itself is an intricate and ticklish one. Added to it, other difficulties have also come in the way. For instance, the Travancore High Court had delivered a judgment over the question of Tirupuvaram. We are looking into it and we have referred the matter to the Advocate-General. There are these difficulties. After due consideration of the various aspects, proper steps will be taken.

*Director of Public Health (Re-employment)*

* 1436 Q.—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the term of re-employment of the Director of Public Health has been extended further by one year; and

(b) if so, the reason therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (a) No decision has yet been taken.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Is it a fact that the present Director of Public Health has been re-employed twice?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Yes, he has now been employed for the second time.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: When there are highly qualified Assistant Directors who are also seniormost, what was the necessity for re-employing a person twice?